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16 June 1965

1. At his request I talked with Dick Helms about the telecon room which is being transferred from the Signal Center to the seventh floor Operations Center. Dick was concerned that the DD/P and the Area Division Chiefs might be bypassed in communications with the field. I explained to him that, insofar as I knew, there was no intent to do this. While it should be DD/I's responsibility to notify DD/P whenever the telecon circuit is activated, I shall caution the Office of Communications to ensure that this is done.*

2. Dick Helms called me about the memorandum we had submitted to the Director about the use of former employees as consultants. He was not enthusiastic about mentioning an alumni association and asked that this paragraph be deleted. He also noted that Mr. McCone had not been included as one of our consultants and asked that his name be added to the listing.

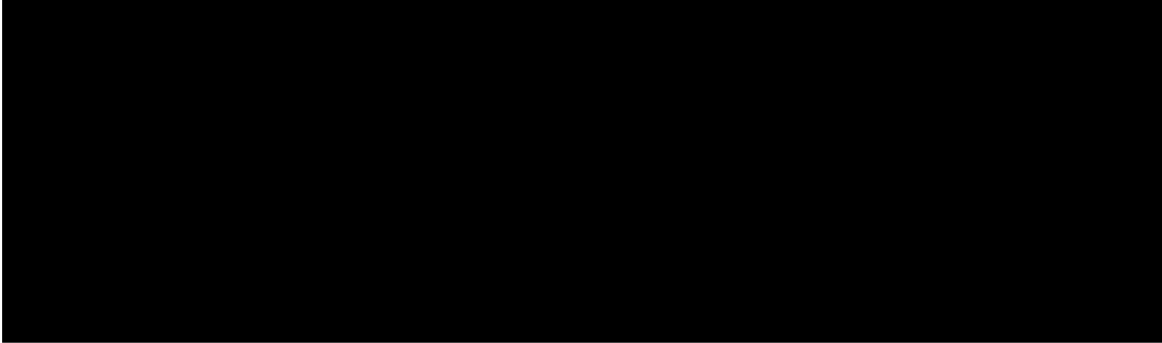
3. Immediately after the Executive Committee Meeting this morning, Dick Helms advised me officially that Mr. Kirkpatrick had submitted his resignation effective 4 July. On Admiral Raborn's and his own behalf he asked me to accept the position of Executive Director-Comptroller. I accepted. At the same time, I told Dick that I accepted the position with mixed emotions in that, while I felt highly complimented by the confidence which he and Admiral Raborn had shown in offering me the job, I would nevertheless considerably regret leaving the DD/S area. Upon my recommendation Dick approved of Bob Bannerman as my successor. We talked very briefly about possible successors for Bob but agreed to discuss this later. (Early on the morning of Thursday, 17 June, Dick telephoned me at home and asked me to get in touch with Bob, who was on vacation in Florida, to make sure that he would be willing to accept the position of DD/S. I did this, and of course Bob was complimented and pleased. Accordingly, Dick announced these changes at the Executive Committee Meeting on 17 June to be effective on or about 4 July. Later in the day I spoke with Admiral Raborn, who asked me to start working with Kirk immediately in order to be in full control of the situation by 4 July. Admiral Raborn also talked to me about the long-range plan and urged me to get together with Kirk to select this staff. I talked to Kirk, and together we will consider some candidates within the next few days. In this connection, the Director asked Kirk to continue to work on the long-range plan after he leaves the Agency. Kirk anticipated that he might spend some time in Washington in a consultant capacity if this is agreeable to Brown University, where he will teach.)

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5. Dick Helms and I talked about [redacted] retirement and his replacement. Dick felt that [redacted] should be retired or used part-time and that the Directorship should be turned over to one of the younger people. He knows and likes [redacted], and [redacted]. I feel sure that he will abide by my recommendation. However, he did say that, if he had to make the decision, he would be inclined to appoint [redacted]. We agreed that we did not want to hurt [redacted] in any way, and Dick asked me to work this out as soon as possible in whatever way I thought best which would avoid hurting [redacted].

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